

Major Construction Fact Sheet

Mission Overview

On May 7, 2004, the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) was approved for an almost \$200 million major construction project. The purpose of this project is to enhance both behavioral health and ambulatory care services and to achieve efficiency through consolidation of a three division health care system into two divisions. When complete, the new facilities will accommodate projected workload and provide a state-of-the-art, world class environment.

- Construction will take place at both the University Drive Division and the H. John Heinz III Progressive Care Center (Heinz) locations in order to relocate the current functions at the Highland Drive Division.
- Stakeholder feedback has been positive.
- No programs or services provided at the VAPHS will be discontinued as a result of the construction.
- The consolidation will be completed without a Reduction In Force (RIF).

Benefits Of Construction

- State-of-the-art facilities, providing world class psychiatric and ambulatory care
- Improved environment, increased patient satisfaction and improved clinical outcomes
- Enhanced behavioral health care in close proximity to acute care and University affiliate
- Homelike environment for veterans in rehabilitation
- Elimination of parking and traffic congestion at UD with new parking garage and roads
- Enhanced patient privacy
- Improved patient safety through reduced transport of veterans between campuses
- New Veterans Service Center at each Division
- Recruit nationally renowned providers with new adjacencies to the University of Pittsburgh
- Highland Drive, a 50 year old, 169 acre campus, will be redeveloped to benefit veterans

Project Timeline

2004

- Predesign Services
- Site Development Plans

2005-2007

- Master Design Services, UD and HJH
- Design/Construct Parking Garage, UD
- Design/Construct Renovations (Eye Clinic, Urgent Care, Research, and Demolition), UD and HJH

2006-2011

- Construct Ambulatory Care Center, HJH
- Construct Behavioral Health Pavilion, UD
- Construct Residential Villa, HJH
- Construct Business Service Center, HJH



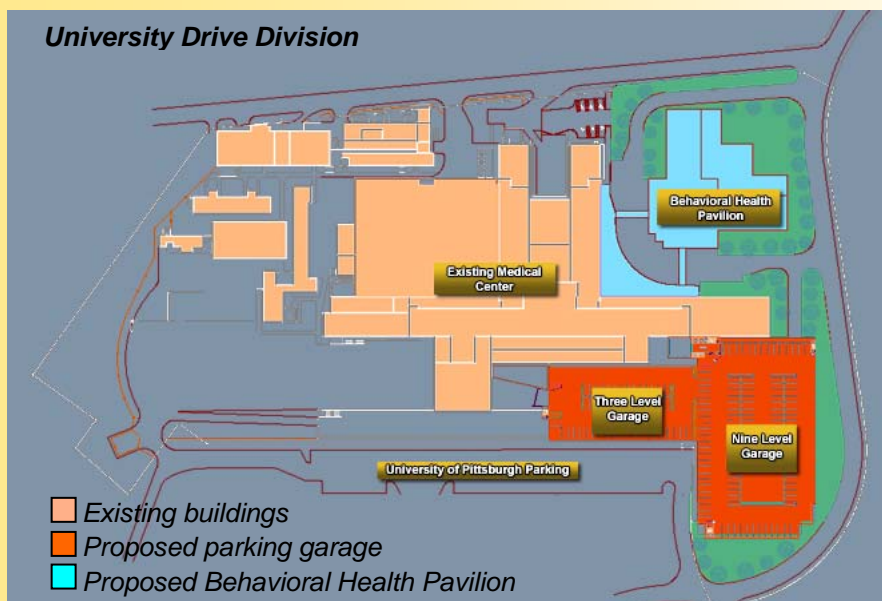
Above: Architectural rendering of the patient entrance to the 1,500-space University Drive parking garage.

Construction Plans By Division

University Drive Division

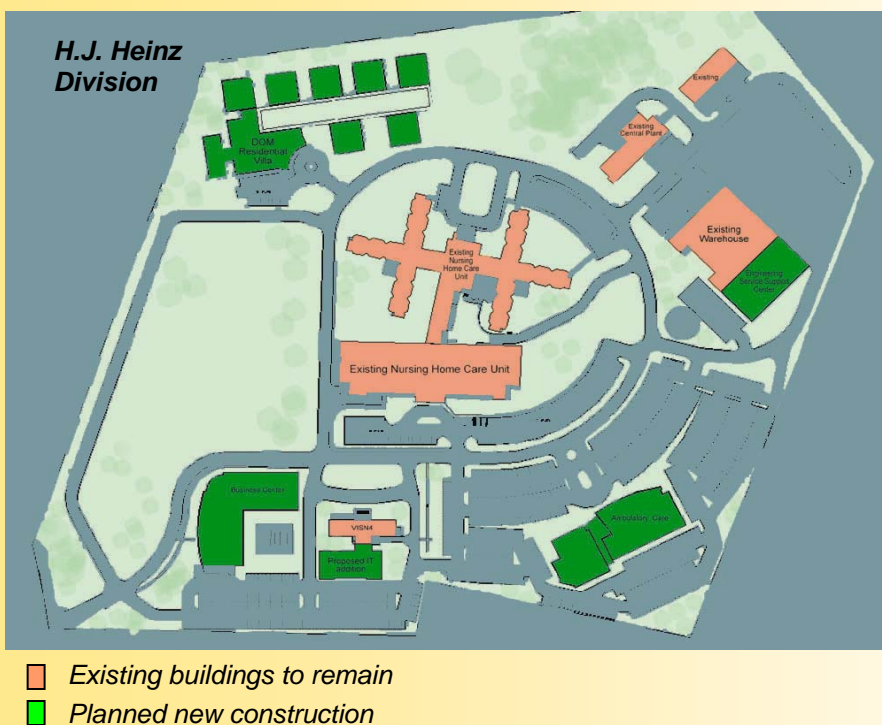
The University Drive Division is a 146-bed tertiary care hospital located in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh. University Drive provides state-of-the-art acute medical, surgical, specialty and primary care services. Construction of a new 1,500-space parking garage will begin at the southeast side of the existing medical center by the end of fiscal year 2005. A new behavioral health pavilion will house 208,000 square feet to include new behavioral outpatient clinics, psychiatric inpatient nursing units

and a Center for Veteran Research. Construction is scheduled to begin after the construction of the parking garage is complete. Renovations of 24,000 square feet of existing space are expected to begin in fiscal year 2005 including: a new eye clinic, expansion of the pharmacy, a centralized veteran's service center incorporated into a lobby reconstruction, and expansion of the Emergent Care Center.



H.J. Heinz Division

The H.J. Heinz Division is a 336-bed transitional care facility, which includes a center of excellence in the Geriatric Care Program, hospice, and palliative care. The campus also has a primary care team, the VISN office, and engineering support space. Construction of new and renovated space will begin as early as 2006. New construction of all buildings will include 264,000 square feet including a new ambulatory care center for such programs as primary care, specialty care, Audiology, Dental, Prosthetics, Rehab Medicine, Community Services and an outpatient pharmacy. A new residential care environment will also be constructed. A Business Service Center will be constructed for human resources and consolidated business office functions. Space is also being reserved for potential future expansion at the site.



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Note: General building placements are tentative, subject to change during design.